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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A negative electrode for a lithium rechargeable battery comprising:

a carbon material in which lithium intercalation reversibly occurs ~~as a negative active material~~; and

~~at least one metallic oxide selected from the group consisting of yttrium oxide, cerium oxide, and titanium oxide as an additive.~~

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The negative~~ A negative electrode for a lithium rechargeable battery ~~according to claim 1, comprising:~~

a carbon material in which lithium intercalation reversibly occurs; and

at least one metallic oxide selected from the group consisting of yttrium oxide, cerium oxide, and titanium oxide wherein the amount of the metallic oxide ranges from 1 to 20 weight parts based on 100 weight parts of the carbon material.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The negative~~ A negative electrode for a lithium rechargeable battery ~~according to claim 1, comprising:~~

a carbon material in which lithium intercalation reversibly occurs; and

at least one metallic oxide selected from the group consisting of yttrium oxide, cerium oxide, and titanium oxide wherein the average diameter of the metallic oxide ranges from 10 nm to 10  $\mu$ m.

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5. (Currently Amended) A lithium rechargeable battery comprising:  
a ~~negative~~ the negative electrode for a ~~lithium rechargeable battery comprising a carbon material in which intercalation reaction occurs and at least one metallic oxide selected from the group consisting of yttrium oxide, cerium oxide, and titanium oxide~~ of claim 1;  
a positive electrode comprising a positive active material in which lithium intercalation reversibly occurs; and  
a non-aqueous electrolyte comprising lithium salt.
6. (New) A lithium rechargeable battery comprising:  
the negative electrode of claim 3;  
a positive electrode comprising a positive active material in which lithium intercalation reversibly occurs; and  
a non-aqueous electrolyte comprising lithium salt.
7. (New) A lithium rechargeable battery comprising:  
the negative electrode of claim 4;  
a positive electrode comprising a positive active material in which lithium intercalation reversibly occurs; and  
a non-aqueous electrolyte comprising lithium salt.